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Amendments to the claims

Please amend the claims of the instant application as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for emulating a home telecommunications environment for a user associated with said home telecommunications environment, the home telecommunications environment comprising a home telecommunications network, the user located at a remote telecommunications device, the remote telecommunications device associated with a different telecommunications network than said home telecommunications network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from the user to initiate emulation of a the home telecommunications environment;

receiving authentication information from the user indicating the user's association with the home telecommunications environment;

determining a the home telecommunications network which is associated with the given home telecommunications environment; and

instructing a the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device to process signaling information associated with the user's use of the remote telecommunications device based on the determined home telecommunications network, thereby emulating the home telecommunications environment for the user.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of instructing a telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device to process signaling information associated with the user's use of the remote telecommunications device based on the determined home telecommunications network comprises instructing the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device to redirect said signaling information associated with the user's use of the remote telecommunications device to the determined home telecommunications network.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device and the home

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telecommunications network are implemented with an IMS architecture.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of instructing a telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device to process signaling information associated with the user's use of the remote telecommunications device based on the determined home telecommunications network comprises instructing the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device to redirect said signaling information associated with the user's use of the remote telecommunications device to the determined home telecommunications network.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device and the home telecommunications network are implemented with an IN architecture.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the home telecommunications network comprises a Centrex-based network.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the home telecommunications network comprises a PBX-based telecommunications network.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the remote telecommunications device comprises a wireline telephone.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device comprises a PBX network and wherein the remote telecommunications device comprises a PBX network based telephone.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device comprises a wireless telephone network and wherein the remote telecommunications device comprises a wireless telephone.

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11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of receiving a request from the user to initiate emulation of a home telecommunications environment comprises receiving a call from the user made to a predetermined registration telephone number.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of requesting said authorization information from said user in response to receiving said call from the user.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the home telecommunications switch is comprised in a home telephone network and wherein the home~~ telephone network and the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device are operated by respective different service providers which have entered into a wireline roaming agreement.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
receiving a request from the user to discontinue emulating the telecommunications environment for the user; and
instructing the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device to cease processing signaling information associated with the user's use of the remote telecommunications device based on the determined home telecommunications network.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of redirecting incoming calls directed to the user within said home telecommunications environment to the remote telecommunications device.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of blocking incoming calls directed to the remote telecommunications device except for said incoming calls directed to the user within said home telecommunications environment.

17. (Currently amended) An apparatus for providing an emulation of a home

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telecommunications environment for a user associated with said home telecommunications environment, the home telecommunications environment comprising a home telecommunications network, the user located at a remote telecommunications device, the remote telecommunications device associated with a different telecommunications network than said home telecommunications network, the apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a request from the user to initiate emulation of a the home telecommunications environment;

means for receiving authentication information from the user indicating the user's association with the home telecommunications environment;

means for determining a the home telecommunications network which is associated with the given home telecommunications environment; and

means for instructing a the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device to process signaling information associated with the user's use of the remote telecommunications device based on the determined home telecommunications switch, thereby emulating the home telecommunications environment for the user.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device and the home telecommunications network are implemented with an IMS architecture, and wherein the means for instructing a telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device to process signaling information associated with the user's use of the remote telecommunications device based on the determined home telecommunications network comprises means for instructing the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device to redirect said signaling information associated with the user's use of the remote telecommunications device to the determined home telecommunications network.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device and the home telecommunications network are implemented with an IN architecture, and wherein the means for instructing a telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device to

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process signaling information associated with the user's use of the remote telecommunications device based on the determined home telecommunications network comprises means for instructing the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device to redirect said signaling information associated with the user's use of the remote telecommunications device to the determined home telecommunications network.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the home telecommunications network comprises a Centrex-based network.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the home telecommunications network comprises a PBX-based telecommunications network.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the remote telecommunications device comprises a wireline telephone.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device comprises a PBX network and wherein the remote telecommunications device comprises a PBX network based telephone.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the telecommunications network associated with the remote telecommunications device comprises a wireless telephone network and wherein the remote telecommunications device comprises a wireless telephone.

25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 further comprising means for redirecting incoming calls directed to the user within said home telecommunications environment to the remote telecommunications device.

26. (Original) The apparatus of claim 25 further comprising means for blocking incoming calls directed to the remote telecommunications device except for said incoming calls directed to the user within said home telecommunications environment.